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| First Named Inventor | Andrew Goldsborough |
| Group Art Unit | 1634 |
| Examiner Name | Arun K. Chakrabarti |
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| <i>Title of the Invention:</i> CLEAVAGE OF NUCLEIC ACID FROM SOLID SUPPORTS | |

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 20, 2003, please enter the amendments to the claims set forth on the following pages and reconsider the examiner's rejections in view of those amendments and the arguments set forth below.

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